

lounge, and I have found a kind friend in Francis Baring — Lord Ashburton's eldest son.¹

Disraeli knew how to employ to advantage his new connexion with *The Times*. He had gone to Lewes with a friend who was candidate for the borough and addressed a meeting in his interest ; and *The Times* gave a column of the speech, introducing the speaker as ' Mr. Disraeli, already well known for his literary talents and his opposition. to the O'Connell influence in the Government.' The report is worth reading even now for the skill with which the history and constitutional theory of the *Vindication* are woven into a speech that was yet supremely effective as a piece of platform oratory, as is proved by the fact that when the orator sat down ' the most deafening applause prevailed for the space of several minutes.'

To Sarah Disraeli.

June 13.

The crisis goes on. The general impression is that the Ministers are going to play 1K32 over again, and resign with the idc'.a we cannot form a Government. Nothing can give you an idea of the excitement prevailing in the political circles, but I aiu not nidi nod to change my opinion, viz., that there will be no dissolution. Lyndlmrst, who has been dining with tho. Duke, confirms what I have heard; the battle cannot be fought; better than at present. . . . Lyndhurst's HpocKsh was really a imiHtorpieoo ; sin.ee Canning there has boon nothing like it. O'Oonnoll eiuno into tho House, but, ho will have it, «,ftc,r L. had done speaking about him. However, ho was there, and it; wan a grand hit, for everybody be-liovod him to be there. Tho Commons were cowed last night; Lyndhurnt'H dash has danntod them ; John Kussell was really f coble, and O'Oonnoll furiously tame. In the meantime, I .am brought forward with great trumpeting in leading articles of the *Gkronide*. Both. Lyndlmrst and Sir B. Peel are said to have adopted Mr. Disraeli's view of the Constitution, &c., &c.^a

* *Letters*, pp. 108-4. ²/6M., p. 104.